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Art movements: neo-conceptual, environmental and political art, activism and postradical painting

Art mediums: paintings, works on paper, drawing, printmaking, installation, object, performance

## BIOGRAPHY:

- 1958 born in Nevoľné, district Žiar nad Hronom, Czechoslovakia  
1973-77 studied at Department of Metal Engraving at the Secondary School of Applied Arts in Kremnica  
1977-83 studied at Department of Free Graphic Art at the Academy of Fine Arts Bratislava (O. Dubay, V. Gažovič)  
1985 freelance artist  
1990-93 member of the Gallery Board of the Ján Koniarek Gallery (state gallery) in Trnava  
1992 started his pedagogical activity  
1992 short study stay in Spain (Madrid, Barcelona)  
1994 Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education of the Trnava University in Trnava  
1996 habilitated as Associate Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Bratislava  
1999 Head of the Department of Fine Arts at the Faculty of Education at the Trnava University in Trnava  
2021 Professor at the Faculty of Education of the Trnava University in Trnava

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 1987 **Mária Balážová – Blažej Baláž**, Bratislava, Gallery SFVU-Michalská  
1988 **Blažej Baláž / Prints**, Trnava, Trnavské divadlo  
**Blažej Baláž / Prints**, Bratislava, Print Gallery – Dielo  
**Blažej Baláž / Prints**, Jaslovské Bohunice  
1990 **Odras a premeny / s I. Tarasovou a M. Prachatickou /**, Bratislava, City Gallery, Mirbach Palace  
**Mária Balážová – Blažej Baláž / Prints**, Trnava, Antik Art Centrum  
1991 **Mária Balážová – Blažej Baláž / Drawing, prints**, Nitra, Nitra Gallery  
1992 **Blažej Baláž / 1 + 1 + 1 = 1**, Trnava, Gallery of J. Koniarek  
**Blažej Baláž / Painting, drawing, installations**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery  
1993 **Postscriptum / s M. Balážovou /**, Trenčín, State Gallery of M. A. Bazovský  
**Postscriptum II**, Bratislava, City Gallery, Mirbach palace  
1994 **Harmony / Objects, prints**, Nové Zámky, Klub BarOko  
1996 **19 + 19 = 38 / Coin prints**, Kremnica, The Museum of Coins  
1997 **Gutten Tag, Frau Koppl**, Trnava, Gallery of J. Koniarek  
**The Sound and The Fury**, Martin, Galéria Hoechst- Biotika  
1999 **Dusty Watter / 1992-1999 /**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery  
2000 **Dusty Painting**, Bratislava, Cik-Cak Centrum  
2001 **Geld macht frei**, Košice, The Museum of V. Löffler  
2002 **Mária and Blažej Baláž / The Discreet Charm of the Painting**, České Budějovice, House of Art (CZ)  
2003 **Geld macht Kunst**, Trnava, Gallery of J. Koniarek  
2006 **Treptomachia.Sk**, Brno, Gallery Kabinet (CZ)  
**Mária Balážová – Blažej Baláž / YESENCIA**, Martin, Galéria Hoechst – Biotika  
2007 **Blažej Baláž – Texts 1988 / 2007**, Košice, The East Slovakian Gallery  
**Blažej Baláž – Texts 1988 / 2007**, Žilina, The Museum of Fine Arts  
2009 **Blažej Baláž – POSEDLOST (OBSESSION)**, Ostrava, Galerie Student (CZ)  
**Blažej Baláž – SUCHARATOLEST**, Bratislava, House of Art  
**Blažej Baláž – WARTEZEIT**, Wien, Slowakisches Institut (AT)  
2011 **Blažej Baláž – Conceptual texts**, Liptovský Mikuláš, P. M. Bohúň Gallery  
**Mária Balážová-Blažej Baláž: Post-Geo-Text**, Berlin, Slowakisches Institut (D)  
2012 **Blažej Baláž: EINEMU**, Nitra, Nitra Gallery

- 2013 **Blažej Baláž: Travesty**, Martin, Turiec Gallery  
 2015 **Blažej Baláž: Private/Public**, Nové Zámky, Gallery of Art  
 2015 **Blažej Baláž: When Activism Becomes Art**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery  
 2018 **Blažej Baláž: ghOstwriter**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS – SELECTION

- 1987 **Salon of the Young '87**, Bratislava, Dom techniky  
 1987 **Art Basel 18'87**, Basel, Messe Basel (CH)  
 1987 **5th Biennial of the Slovak Drawing**, Žilina, Museum of Modern Art  
 1987 **Interart**, Poznan (PL)  
 1987 **Exhibition of Slovak Graphic Art**, Rauma, Art Museum (SF)  
 1988 **A Nyugat- Szlovakiai Kerület Képzőművészete**, Győr, Xántus János Muzeum (H)  
 1988 **Young Slovak Fine Art**, Bukarest, Czechoslovakian Cultural Center (RO)  
 1988 **12<sup>th</sup> International Print Biennale**, Cracow, BWA (PL)  
 1988 **Art Basel 19'88**, Basel, Messe Basel (CH)  
 1988 **Zeitgenössische Westslowakische Kunst**, Halle (D)  
 1988 **Intergrafia 88**, Katowice (PL)  
 1989 **L'Europe des Graveurs**, Grenoble, Bibliothèque Municipale (F)  
 1989 **18<sup>th</sup> International Print Biennale**, Ljubljana, Moderna galerija (YU)  
 1989 **15<sup>th</sup> International Independante Exhibition of Prints**, Kanagawa, Prefectural Gallery (J)  
 1989 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art**, Toronto, Del Bello Gallery (Canada)  
 1989 **9è Mini Print Internacional**, Cadaqués, Taller Galeria Fort (E)  
 1990 **Intergrafik 90**, Berlin, Ausstellungszentrum am Fernsehturm (D)  
 1990 **9.Internationale Grafik Triennale**, Frechen, Kunstverein zu Frechen (D)  
 1990 **Drawing 1990**, Provo, Harris Fine Arts Center (USA)  
 1990 **Art 1990**, Paris, Espace Laser (F)  
 1990 **6<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Exhibition of Portrait**, Tuzla, Gallery of Yugoslav Portrait (YU)  
 1990 **10é Mini Print Internacional**, Cadaqués, Taller Galeria Fort (E)  
 1991 **International Print Triennale**, Cracow, Pawilon wystawowy BWA (PL)  
 1991 **Intergrafia 91**, Katowice, Pawilon wystawowy BWA (PL)  
 1991 **Abstraction**, Bratislava, Exhibition Hall SVU- Gorkého  
 1991 **The European Triennial Competition of Non-traditional Graphic**, Prague, Gallery Modrý pavilón  
 1992 **Vth International Drawing Triennale**, Wrocław, Galeria Miejska, Muzeum Architektury (PL)  
 1992 **10<sup>th</sup> Norwegian International Print Triennale**, Fredrikstad, Fredrikstad Library (N)  
 1993 **2<sup>nd</sup> International Biennial of Graphic Arts**, Győr, Xántus János Muzeum (H)  
 1994 **5 + 1 + 2**, Graz, Europazentrum (A)  
 1994 **International Print Triennial**, Cracow, Galeria BWA (PL)  
 1994 **Intergrafia '94 – World Award Winners Gallery**, Katowice, Gallery of Modern Art (PL)  
 1995 **Ghenius Lozi**, Concorezzo, Vila Zoja (I)  
 1995 **La III.Bienal Internacional de Grabado Ourense**, Sao Paulo (Brasil)  
 1995 **Seitenwechsel**, Heidelberg, Heidelberger Schlos (D)  
 1995 **21<sup>st</sup> International Print Biennale**, Ljubljana, Moderna Galerija (SL)  
 1995 **12<sup>th</sup> International Biennale of Small Sculpture**, Murska Sobota, Galerija Murska Sobota (SL)  
 1995 **1<sup>st</sup> Tokyo International mini Print triennial '95**, Tokyo, Tama Art University Museum (J)  
 1995 **Interactions II**, Novara, Gallery UXA (I)  
 1996 **Interactions**, Klenová, Gallery Klatovy – The Castle Klenová (CZ)  
 1996 **Interazioni II**, Casale Monferrato, Chiesa della Misericordia (I)  
 1996 **10<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Print Biennale**, Seoul, Il Min Cultural center (Korea)  
 1996 **16é Mini Print Internacional**, Cadaqués, Taller Galeria Fort (E)  
 1997 **International Print Triennial '97**, Cracow, Bunkier Sztuki (PL)  
 1997 **Picturale, Est**, Strasbourg, L'Espace – Exposition de la CCI, Altkirch, CRAC Alsace (FR)  
 1998 **Postmodern in Fine Art in 2nd half of the 80s**, Banská Bystrica, State Gallery  
 1998 **2nd International Triennial of Graphic Arts, Sofia '98**, Sofia, Art Gallery (BG)  
 1999 **23<sup>rd</sup> International Biennial of Graphic Arts**, Ljubljana, Moderna galerija (SL)  
 1999 **Slovak Graphic Art of the Nineties**, Moscow, Central House of Artists (R)  
 2001 **LIGHThouse**, Žilina, Museum of Modern Art, Trnava, Gallery of J. Koniarek  
 2001 **The Art of Action, 1989-2000**, Poprad, Tatra Gallery, Nitra, Nitra Gallery  
 2001 **Slovak Shoot**, Prague, Křížová chodba Karolína (CZ)  
 2001 **Object / object**, Prague, The Czech Museum of Fine Arts (CZ)  
 2001 **2ème Biennale internationale d'estampe contemporain**, Trois – Rivières, La Maison de la culture (Canada)  
 2002 **Object / object**, Brno, Moravian Gallery (CZ)

- 2002 **New End of Painting**, Trnava, Jan Koniarek Gallery
- 2004 **4th International Biennial of Drawing**, Pilsen, City Gallery Pilsen (CZ)
- 2005 **New Zlin Salon 2005 / Contemporary Czech and Slovak Fine Art**, Zlín, House of Art (CZ)
- 2005 **Contemporary Slovak Painting 2000-2005**, Prague, City Gallery (CZ)
- 2006 **Slovak Graphic Art of the 20th century**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery
- 2007 **Slovak Graphic Art of the 20th Century**, Bratislava, City Gallery, Mirbach Palace
- 2008 **Veronika Rónaiová 's Social Investigation**, Brno, Galérie u Dobrého pastýře (CZ)
- 2009 **From plaster to chewing gum – Author 's techniques**, Nitra, Nitra Gallery,
- 2009 **Intertext / From conceptual to postconceptual text**, Trnava, Jan Koniarek Gallery
- 2009 **Formats of Transformation 89 – 09 / Seven views on the new Czech and Slovak identity**, Brno, House of Art (CZ)
- 2009 **Gallery of Miloš Alexander Bazovský Trenčín 1969-2009**, Trenčín, Gallery of M. A. Bazovský
- 2010 **Formate der Transformation 89-09**, Wien, MUSA - Museum auf Abruf (AT)
- 2010 **Slovak Graphic Art of the 20th century**, Museum of Modern Art, Hradec Kralove (CZ)
- 2010 **Slovakian Contemporary Geometry 1**, Municipal Gallery, Pilsen (CZ)
- 2010 **Copyright Art 2010**, Slovak Union of Visual Arts, Bratislava
- 2010 **After Hours : Phase 2 / Artists from Slovakia**, Santa Ana, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art (USA)
- 2011 **6th New Zlin Salon**, Zlín, Galery of Fine Arts (CZ)
- 2011 **ObraSKov**, Brno, Wannieck Gallery (CZ)
- 2011 **1st International Biennial of Drawing and Graphic Arts**, Győr, Municipal Museum, (HU)
- 2011 **Daisies and clones**, Bratislava, Slovak National Gallery
- 2012 **5th International Drawing Competition**, Wroclaw, Muzeum Architektury (PL)
- 2012 **Veronika Ronaiova's Social Investigation 2**, Bratislava, House of Art, Bratislava
- 2012 **ObraSKovo nanovo – Contemporary Slovak Painting**, Poprad, Tatra Gallery
- 2012 **Blood**, Bratislava, Slovak National Gallery
- 2013 **Veni, vidi, vici...** Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery
- 2014 **15th International Triennial of Small Forms of Graphics**, City Gallery Lodz (PL)
- 2014 **The Uncertainty Principle**, Bratislava, Gallery of Slovak Visual Arts
- 2014 **Geo-Text**, Košice, East - Slovakian Gallery
- 2014 **7th Rokycany Biennial in Graphic Arts**, Museum of Dr. Bohuslav Horák, Rokycany (CZ)
- 2014 **9th International Biennial of Drawing**, Pilsen, City Gallery Pilsen (CZ)
- 2015 **Ausgewählte Werke der Biennale Der Zeichenkunst Pilsen**, Centrum Bavaria Bohemia (CBB),Schönsee (D)
- 2015 **Close-Up**, etc.Galerie, Prague (CZ)
- 2015 **Here and Now**, Budapest, Kunsthalle (HU)
- 2015 **35é Mini Print Internacional**, Cadaqués, Taller Galeria Fort (E)
- 2015 **XII International Graphic Art Biennale Dry Point**, Uzice, Gradska galerija, Serbia
- 2015 **5th International Drawing Triennial**, Tallin, Tallin Art Hall (EE)
- 2016 **Vth Intercontinental Biennial of Small Graphics**, Aiud (RO)
- 2016 **Osten Biennial of Drawing Skopje 2016**, Osten Drawing Skopje (MK)
- 2016 **November Salon of Visual Artists**, Kraljevo (RS)
- 2016 **Socialy alive**, Gallery of SVU – Umelka, Bratislava
- 2017 **Visual Poetry**, Banská Bystrica, Central Slovakian Gallery
- 2018 **International Print Triennial**, Cracow, Bunkier Sztuki (PL)
- 2018 **November Salon of Visual Artists**, Kraljevo (RS)
- 2018 **Osten Biennial of Drawing**, Skopje (MK)
- 2019 **International Drawing Biennale India 2018-19**, New Delhi (India)
- 2019 **SIGNAL – The Story of (Post-) conceptual art in Slovakia**, Budapest, Ludwig Museum (HU)
- 2020 **Osten Biennial of Drawing Skopje 2020**, Skopje (MK)
- 2021 **6th Tallin Drawing Triennale**, Tallin, ARS Art Factory, (EE)
- 2022 **Wroclaw Drawing Triennial 2022 – Don't look back**, Wroclaw (PL)

## Awards

- 1987 Honorable Mention, Biennale of Slovak Graphic Art IX, Banská Bystrica
- 1987 3rd Prize for Printmaking, Competition of Slovakian Fine Artists, Bratislava
- 1989 Purchase Prize, 9è Mini Print Internacional, Cadaqués (E)
- 1989 1st Prize for Painting, Competition of West-Slovakian Fine Artists, Trenčín
- 1990 Award of Excellence, 6<sup>th</sup> International Miniature Print Biennale, Seoul ( South Korea)
- 1995 Award of The Masaryk's Academy of Arts, Prague (CZ)
- 1996 Prize Ex Aequo, Biennale of Slovak Graphic Art XIII, Banská Bystrica
- 2005 The Jury's Award, Biennale of smal graphics GRAFIX, Břeclav (CZ)
- 2005 Award of The City Banská Bystrica, Triennial of Slovak Graphic Art XVI, Banská Bystrica
- 2008 Award of The City Trnava
- 2014 Prize ot the Czech Union of Visual Artists of the Czech Republic, 9th International Biennial of Drawing Pilsen (CZ)

2016 Special Award by the Jury, Osten Biennial of Drawing, Skopje (MK)

## Collections

Slovak National Gallery, Bratislava  
National Gallery, Prague (CZ)  
Moravská Galerie, Brno (CZ)  
Municipal Gallery, Bratislava  
The East Slovakian Gallery, Košice  
Central Slovakian Gallery, Banská Bystrica  
State Gallery of J. Koniarek, Trnava  
State Gallery of M. A. Bazovský, Trenčín  
Tatra Gallery, Poprad  
Collection of Slovak Saving-Bank, Bratislava  
City museum, Břeclav (CZ)  
Associació Difusora D' Obra Gráfica Internacional, Barcelona (E)  
Kanagawa Prefectural Gallery, Kanagawa (J)  
Tama Art University Museum, Tokyo (J)  
Space Gallery, Seoul (Korea)  
Xántus János Múzeum, Győr (H)  
International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana (SL)  
City Gallery Lodz (PL)  
International Print Triennale Society, Krakow (PL)  
Muzeum Archidiecezjalne, Katowice (PL)  
Cremona Civic Museum, Prints Cabinet (I)  
Fries Museum, Leeuwarden (NL)

## Private collections:

USA, Canada, Germany, France, Japan, Czech Republic, Italy, Nederland

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BARTKOVÁ, Z. 1992. *Blažej Baláž*. Banská Bystrica : Central Slovakian Gallery, 16 p.  
JANČÁR, I. 1993. *Blažej Baláž Postscriptum II*. Bratislava : City Gallery Bratislava, 6 p.  
VRBANOVÁ, A. 1996. *Blažej Baláž, 19+ 19 = 38 / Coin print*. Kremnica : The Museum of Coins, 12 p.  
TAJKOV, P. 2001. *Blažej Baláž – Geld macht frei*. Košice : Museum of V. Löffler, 6 p.  
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BESKID, V. – GAJDOŠ, R. 2007. *Blažej Baláž : TEXTS 1988 /2007*. Trnava : East of Eden, Trnava University, 50 p.  
LASOTOVÁ, D. – BALÁŽ, B. 2009. *Blažej Baláž : POSEDLOST*. Ostrava : Ostrava University, 8 p.  
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